

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the remote portable device is a personal digital assistant (PDA).
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 2, wherein the step of using the PDA comprises:
displaying, at the PDA and upon request of the user, the information items in the transmitted information shopping cart.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 2, further comprising:
receiving a file name from the user to name the information shopping cart;
transmitting the file name with the information shopping cart to the PDA; and
displaying the file name at the PDA.
7. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 2, wherein transmitting the information shopping cart to a PDA further comprises:
converting the information shopping cart at the website to a file format selected by the user.
- 8-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) A method for providing information items to a user operating a remote portable device, wherein the portable device has a direct communications link to a separate computer operated directly by the user for downloading information from the computer to the portable device when the portable device is in a first location connected at the computer, and no direct communications link when the portable device is in second, remote locations away from and not connected to the computer, the method comprising:

accessing the information items at an on-line directory website, including providing the computer with a browser for navigating the Internet in order to use the website, using the computer to search a database at the website for a set of information items based on a search request from the user, displaying information items from the website on the computer, wherein the website provides on-line yellow pages directory listings, and the information items are part of those listings, and selecting additional information associated with one or more of the directory listings to accompany the directory listings, wherein the directory listings include a business name, and wherein the additional information comprises one or more of driving directions, maps, advertisements, menus, coupons and a list of items for sale at the business;

placing the information items in an information shopping cart at the website in response to selection of the information items by the user;

transmitting the information shopping cart having the selected information items from the website to the portable device when the portable device has direct communications link to the computer at the first location;

using the portable device to access the selected information items at the portable device when the portable device is at one of the second, remote locations away from the computer and without access to the directory website; and

automatically placing branding information in the information shopping cart with the information items, so that the branding information is displayed at the portable device with the information items, wherein the branding information identifies the operator of the directory website.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the portable device is connected directly to the computer during the step of transmitting the information shopping cart to the portable device, and wherein the portable device is not connected directly to the computer when the portable device is at the remote location away from the computer.

26. (Previously Presented) A method for providing information items to a user operating a remote portable device, wherein the portable device has a direct communications link to a separate computer operated directly by the user for downloading information from the computer to the portable device when the portable device is in a first location connected at the computer, and no direct communications link when the portable device is in second, remote locations away from and not connected to the computer, the method comprising:

accessing the information items at an on-line directory website, including providing the computer with a browser for navigating the Internet in order to use the website, using the computer to search a database at the website for a set of information items based on a search request from the user, and displaying information items from the website on the computer, wherein the website provides on-line yellow pages directory listings, and the information items are part of those listings;

placing the information items in an information shopping cart at the website in response to selection of the information items by the user;

transmitting the information shopping cart having the selected information items from the website to the portable device when the portable device has direct communications link to the computer at the first location;

using the portable device to access and display the selected information items at the portable device when the portable device is at one of the second, remote locations away from the computer and without access to the directory website;

wherein the user is enabled to select additional information associated with one or more of the directory listings to accompany the directory listings when the information items are transmitted from the website to the portable device; and